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D) MADRID 7977, AND E) MADRID 8039

1. APPRECIATE EXCELLENT EMBASSY REPORTING ON KING JUAN CARLOS'S TRIP TO THE PRC. EMBASSY'S IMPRESSION THAT LINE TAKEN BY PRC LEADERS WAS STANDARD IS CORRECT, BUT IT IS USEFUL TO SEE DETAILED RESTATEMENTS OF THEIR POSITION.

2. WE WOULD BE GREATLY INTERESTED IN ANYTHING FURTHER YOU
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CAN FIND OUT ABOUT THE CHINESE REFERENCE TO THE NANSHA ISLANDS (THE SPRATLYS) IN HUANG-OREJA CONVERSATION (REF C). CHINESE HAVE NOT EMPHASIZED TERRITORIAL ISSUES IN CURRENT SINO-VIETNAMESE DISPUTE, ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE BEEN BONE OF CONTENTION IN THE PAST.

3. SUGGEST AMBASSADOR TODMAN MAY WANT TO COMMENT TO KING

ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: WE GREATLY APPRECIATE THOROUGH
BRIEFING ON HIS VISIT TO PRC. IT IS VERY USEFUL TO CON-
FIRM THAT THE CHINESE ARE TAKING A SIMILAR LINE WITH OTHER
IMPORTANT WORLD FIGURES AS THEY HAVE WITH US AND TO GET A

DETAILED FLAVOR OF THEIR PRESENTATION. FROM OUR
PERSPECTIVE, THE KING'S VISIT APPEARS TO HAVE CONTRIBUTED
SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE WEST'S COOPERATION WITH THE CHINESE IN
THOSE AREAS WITH WHICH WE HAVE COMMON INTERESTS WITH THEM.
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